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1. SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

WE ARE ALL DEEPLY PLEASED BY THIS VERY WARM RECEPTION. YUGOSLAVIA HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING A GRACIOUS HOSTESS TO MANY VISITORS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND YOUR WELCOME IS CERTAINLY IN ACCORD WITH THAT TRADITION.

MRS. FORD AND I ARE GLAD THAT WE ARE ONCE AGAIN IN YUGOSLAVIA AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENT TITOS INVITATION TO VISIT THIS LOVELY COUNTRY. WE ARE ARRIVING FROM HELSINKI, WHERE AS YOU KNOW I JOINED PRESIDENT TITO AND THE LEADERS OF THIRTY-THREE OTHER COUNTRIES IN CONCLUDING TWO YEARS OF HARD WORK ON METHODS OF STABILIZING AND IMPROVING EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION. I KNOW THAT YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH HAS WON AND PRESERVED ITS INDEPENDENCE AT GREAT COST, IS VITALLY INTERESTED IN THIS CONFERENCE AND ITS RESULTS. IT IS ALSO OUR FERVENT HOPE THAT THE DOCUMENT SIGNED AT THIS SUMMIT MEETING WILL LEAD TO FULL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE IMPORTANT GOALS IT ENSHRINES AND SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD AS WELL.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THESE AND OTHER MATTERS WITH PRESIDENT TITO, A WORLD STATESMAN RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE NONALIGNED WORLD. AND I VALUE THIS OPPORTUNITY, HOWEVER BRIEF, TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY AGAIN. YOUR WELCOME HAS BROUGHT BACK PLEASANT MEMORIES OF MY LAST VISIT HERE AND HEIGHTENED MY ANTICIPATION OF WHAT AWAITS US.

2. SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR FAREWELL STATEMENT:

MR. VICE PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT TITO FOR THE WARM RECEPTION AND HOSPITALITY HE HAS GIVEN ME HERE, AS WELL AS FOR THE VERY COMPREHENSIVE, FRANK AND FRIENDLY TALKS WE HAVE HAD. THESE DISCUSSIONS CAN ONLY HAVE STRENGTHENED THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

AS I DEPART YUGOSLAVIA, I DO SO WITH CONFIDENCE. CONFIDENCE IN YOUR FUTURE AND THE ABILITY OF OUR TWO NATIONS TO COOPERATE IN EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE PRESSING PROBLEMS OF OUR TIME. THE FUTURE WILL HOLD NEW TESTS FOR US AND NEW OBSTACLES. BUT WHATEVER THOSE TESTS, TOGETHER WE WILL ENDURE THEM. WHATEVER THOSE OBSTACLES, TOGETHER WE WILL OVERCOME THEM. TOGETHER WE WILL BUILD A BETTER FUTURE AND AN ETERNAL FRIENDSHIP.

3. FIRST SUGGESTED TOAST FOR LUNCH OR DINNER.

MR. VICE PRESIDENT (OR OTHER HOST), LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I AM HONORED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME ONCE AGAIN TO YUGOSLAVIA, TO REAFFIRM THE FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WHICH HAVE LONG EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE I WAS LAST HERE IN 1963, WHEN I VISITED SKOPJE AND FOUND A GREAT CITY HORRIBLY DEVASTATED BY AN EARTHQUAKE. I AM TOLD THAT SKOPJE HAS BEEN REBORN LIKE THE PHOENIX AND IS NOW A MODERN, BEAUTIFUL CITY WHERE ONCE WAS ONLY RUIN. THE GREAT PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE

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SINCE MY LAST VISIT IS ALSO EVIDENT IN WHAT I HAVE SEEN HERE TODAY.

I HAVE THE PARTICULAR GOOD FORTUNE TO BE ABLE TO COME HERE AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE - AN ACHIEVEMENT IN WHICH BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES INVESTED MUCH EFFORT AND CONCERN - AN ACHIEVEMENT FROM WHICH WE CAN BOTH TAKE

CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION - AN ACHIEVEMENT WHICH WE MUST BOTH NOW USE AND BUILD ON FOR THE FUTURE.

RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES HAVE CONTINUED SOLID DEVELOPMENT OVER THE FIVE YEARS SINCE AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT WAS LAST IN BELGRADE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF OUR ECONOMIC TIES - TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED; JOINT ECONOMIC COUNCILS WITH OFFICES IN BELGRADE AND NEW YORK TO FURTHER PROMOTE TRADE EXPANSION HAVE BEEN FORMED; YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES AND AN AMERICAN FIRM ARE COOPERATING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF YUGOSLAVIA'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER FACILITY; THE FREQUENCY AND LEVEL OF OUR CONSULTATIONS HAVE INCREASED ON BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

BUT THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THE MUTUAL BENEFITS WHICH FLOW FROM THEM WILL BE OF LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE IF WE AND THE REST OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY FAIL IN OUR EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BECOME CRITICAL TO OUR MUTUAL WELL BEING.

THE MOST SERIOUS OF THESE PROBLEMS INCLUDE WORLD-WIDE INFLATION AND RECESSION, ENERGY, AND A SERIOUS DECLINE IN WORLD FOOD RESERVES. IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR PRESENT UNAVOIDABLE INTERDEPENDENCE, SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS AND OTHERS MUST BE SOUGHT THROUGH COORDINATED GLOBAL ACTION OF BOTH DEVELOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

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THE GREAT GOAL WE SHARE IS THE BUILDING OF A
LASTING PEACE AND PROSPEROUS LIVES FOR ALL. THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS GOAL REQUIRES US TO TRANSCEND
DIFFERENCES IN IDEOLOGY, GEOGRAPHY OR SYSTEMS OF INTERNAL
ORDER. BOTH YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE PRIDED
THEMSELVES ON DIVERSITY, YET EACH OF OUR PEOPLES HAS
JOINED - TO WORK TOGETHER TO FORM A STRONG UNITED WHOLE.
NOW IS THE TIME FOR BOTH OF US TO DETERMINE TO DO THE
SAME ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE: TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO
RECONCILE NATIONAL DIFFERENCES AND THUS ENSURE INTERNATIONAL
HARMONY, PROSPERITY, AND PEACE.

IN THAT SPIRIT I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO
PRESIDENT TITO WHOSE INDEPENDENCE, COURAGE AND DETERMINATION
HAVE BEEN AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD - AND TO MUTUAL RESPECT
AMONG NATIONS, OF WHICH HE AND YUGOSLAVIA HAVE LONG BEEN
STRONG ADVOCATES - A MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH IS THE BEST
GUARANTEE OF A LASTING PEACE.

4. SECOND SUGGESTED TOAST.

MR. PRESIDENT, MADAME BROZ, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.
I WANT TO BEGIN WITH A SPECIAL EXPRESSION OF
APPRECIATION FOR THIS MAGNIFICENT LUNCH. (OR DINNER).
I SHOULD ADMIT TO YOU THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER FOREWARNED
ME TO EXPECT YOUR EXCELLENT CUISINE IN ABUNDANCE. ON HIS
ADVICE, I DINED A BIT IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO JUSTICE
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TO THE DELICIOUS FOOD AND AT THIS MOMENT I AM ESPECIALLY
INDEBTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR HIS USUAL SOUND ADVICE.

ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE, AND MY COLLEAGUES, I THANK
YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND YOUR ASSOCIATES, FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL
HOSPITALITY YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO US.

YOUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES NEARLY FOUR YEARS
AGO, MR. PRESIDENT, WAS THE OCCASION FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES
TO RECORD PRINCIPLES WHICH HAD ALREADY BECOME THE BEDROCK
OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THOSE PRINCIPLES BEFITTED
THE RELATIONS OF TWO GOOD FRIENDS: EQUALITY, MUTUAL RESPECT,
CONTINUING CONTACTS, AMONG OTHERS; WE REGARD THEM AS VALID
TODAY AS WHEN THEY WERE ORIGINALLY SET DOWN. FOR A QUARTER
OF A CENTURY AND MORE, RESPECT AND SUPPORT FOR THE
INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND
VIABILITY OF YUGOSLAVIA HAVE BEEN HALLMARKS IN US POLICY
TOWARD YOUR COUNTRY. NOT JUST IN WORDS, WE HAVE EXPRESSED
THESE CONCEPTS IN ACTS AND DEEDS. WE HAVE BEEN ALLIES
IN WAR AND WE WERE PRIVILEGED TO JOIN

WITH YOU RECENTLY IN HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR GREAT VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II. WE HAVE REMAINED FRIENDS IN PEACE. THE US STOOD BY YUGOSLAVIA IN ITS DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE ITS INDEPENDENCE AND DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN ESTIMATION OF WHAT WAS RIGHT FOR ITS SOCIETY. WE HAVE NEVER REGRETTED OUR STAND. YOUR COUNTRY, UNDER YOUR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, MR. PRESIDENT, HAS BECOME STRONG AND SELF-RELIANT AND HAS EARNED THE RESPECT OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

MR. PRESIDENT, AS YOU KNOW, MY COUNTRY IS THIS YEAR CELEBRATING ITS BICENTENNIAL. I AM DELIGHTED THAT SO MANY YUGOSLAVS IN VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE HAVE TAKEN AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THIS CELEBRATION. WE AMERICANS SHALL SEE SOME OF YOUR OUTSTANDING FOLK DANCE ENSEMBLES. WE WILL HEAR SOME OF YOUR GREAT MUSICIANS. AND THE SCIENTISTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BICENTENNIAL TO SUM UP THE RESULTS OF A RICH HERITAGE OF COOPERATION EXTENDING BACK TO THE DAYS OF THAT GREAT YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN NICOLA TESLA. I THINK I CAN SPEAK FOR BOTH SIDES IN SAYING THAT WE WISH TO CONTINUE OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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EXCELLENT COOPERATION IN THE EXCHANGE OF SCIENTISTS, SOCIAL SCIENTISTS, DOCTORS, JOURNALISTS, EDUCATORS, ENGINEERS, AND ATHLETES, ALL OF WHOM HAVE HELPED TO KEEP RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WARM AND PRODUCTIVE. MY HOPE IS THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT OUR EXCHANGES WITH AND INNOVATIVE EYE, SEARCHING CONSTANTLY FOR THOSE AREAS OF MOST BENEFIT TO BOTH SIDES.

THESE EXCHANGES KEEP THE TRADITIONAL TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ALIVE AND STRONG. I MENTIONED NICOLA TESLA A FEW MOMENTS AGO. HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS OF THE YUGOSLAVS WHO CAME TO AMERICA BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS, BUT THEY ALL ENRICHED AMERICA'S CULTURE AND NATIONAL LIFE AND THEY CREATED LIVING BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO LANDS.

IT IS MY HOPE, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT MY VISIT HAS ENHANCED THE TRADITIONAL TIES AND MARKED AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE GOOD STATE OF BILATERAL COOPERATION WE HAVE LONG ENJOYED. TO THAT OBJECTIVE, I RAISE MY GLASS, PROPOSING A TOAST TO YUGOSLAVIA, TO HER PEACE, INDEPENDENCE AND PROSPERITY, AND TO YOUR CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND LONG LIFE, MR. PRESIDENT.

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